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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents were provided in the parent Application No. 09/175,448 (the '448 application), and thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), are not being provided herein.

The listed Japanese language document No. 63-186082 and listed German language document No. 3 831 291 were cited in a Search Report in a counterpart application. A copy of that Search Report was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 22, 1995, in the grandparent application No. 07/882,284. Applicant submits that those foreign language documents may be relevant for the reasons noted in that Search Report. In addition, Applicant obtained from a commercial database, and have submitted herewith, English language abstracts for those documents. Applicant

submits that those documents may be relevant for the reasons set forth in the Search Report.

Applicant submits that the other listed foreign language documents may be relevant for the reasons discussed below. Applicant also notes that the following documents were cited in one of the Japanese priority applications (3-138401).

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 62-104259 - This document describes that image data read by image reader 1 is digitized and compressed by compression circuit 9 and the compressed data is stored in disk 5. When the image data is printed, the compressed image data is read from disk 5 and temporarily stored in memory 10. Circuit 11 decompresses the stored data and the decompressed data is then printed. However, Applicant submits that this document does not describe that an independent reproduction device and a print device are connected to each other in the manner of the present application. That feature of the present application makes it possible to exchange information effectively between the respective devices. Applicant also submits that this Japanese patent application does not describe the use of separate apparatuses in the manner described in the present application or the transfer of both image data in a compressed state and data concerning the data amount of the image data.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 3-1681 - This document describes an image recording apparatus which stores an image with a variable compression rate; however, the image recording apparatus is merely a digital still camera. Consequently, the document is silent about the feature of an independent reproduction device and print device being connected to each other in the manner set forth in the present application.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 1-221989 - This document merely describes a digital still camera which records an image with a variable compression

rate and is distinct from the present application for the reasons discussed above with respect to document No. 3-1681.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 2-14667 - This document describes an information processing device which records an image with a variable image compression system. In addition, the document describes that when retrieval/display is performed, a compression rate, an expansion rate and a compression system are changed according to the image. Applicant submits that this document does not describe that an independent reproduction device and print device communicate as set forth in the present application, or that both image data in a compression state and a data concerning the data amount of the compressed image data are communicated.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 62-101163 - This document discloses that scanner controller 4 has a compression function to transfer compressed data to printer controller 8 through a bus. Printer controller 8 reproduces the compressed image data. Applicant submits that this document also fails to describe that independent devices are connected in the manner set forth in the present application. In addition, this document does not describe the use of data concerning the data amount of the compressed imaged data.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 59-78348 - This document merely describes an image processing system which is controlled as a unitary apparatus. Again, Applicant submits that this document does not describe the use of an independent reproduction device in communication with a print device, as set forth in the present application.

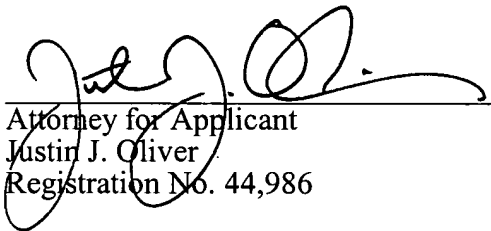
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